

MURDER AND MUTILATE AMERICANS

Three Victims Taken on American Side and Dragged into Mexico

RUMORED RELEASE OF AMERICANS RELATIONS OFF WITH AUSTRIA

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 16.—The Exchange Telegraph quotes the Berliner Tageblatt as saying that negotiations have been broken off between Frederick G. Penfield, the American ambassador at Vienna, and the Austro-Hungary government.

(By Associated Press.)
PARIS, Feb. 16.—Americans in Austria have been warned from Washington to leave the country.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Inquiry has been sent to Germany through the Spanish embassy at Berlin regarding the delay in the departure of the second train load of former American officials for Switzerland. The train should have left Munich early this week, carrying 86 former consuls, their families, and an unknown number of other Americans.

Unofficial advice that Germany has released the Yarrowdale seamen reached the officials just as preparations were about to be made for freeing them. The president had approved the note, but if official confirmation of Germany's reported action is not received, it is probable that the note will be dispatched. It is also said that Germany has modified the orders which would have compelled the retirement of American relief workers from Belgium. Officials say the state department has not instructed Ambassador Penfield at Vienna to warn Americans to leave, but he might have taken such action on his own initiative.

To accompany the demands the department had gathered complete data showing the treatment accorded German sailors in American ports.

Many responsible officials have concluded that unless there is a prompt and decided change in the general attitude of Germany towards the interests of the United States, the appearance of President Wilson before Congress to ask for the protection of American lives and property is only a matter of days.

The president paid another visit to the state, war and navy departments, but it was explained that that did not foreshadow any immediate important developments.

Concern over the absence of any word from Ambassador Elkus at Constantinople since the break with Germany was somewhat relieved when two brief dispatches were received from him. The first, dated February 7, inquired why he was having difficulty communicating with this government. The second was said to be a routine report and its date was not made public. An investigation is under way to determine whether the ambassador's messages are held up at Vienna.

The work of clearing other Americans out of Germany is going on. The advisability of the withdrawal by the International Young Men's Christian Association of its 20 or more American representatives who have been working among the prisoners in Germany, was discussed at a conference between state department officials and Dr. John R. Mott, international secretary. While it was agreed that the men must be withdrawn in case of actual war, no decision was reached as to their immediate recall.

Monthly Profits of 2 Home Companies

♦ The Tonopah Belmont Development Company announces its profits for the month of January as \$100,958. The company's profits for the month of January as \$100,958. For the month of February as \$100,958. The company's profits for the month of February as \$100,958. The company's profits for the month of February as \$100,958.

SCHOOLBOY CHUM OF DEAD MEN HEADS THE BAND OF ASSASSINS MORMONS ARM FOR THE FUNERAL

(By Associated Press.)
HACHITA, N. M., Feb. 16.—Lem Spillsbury, the Mormon scout, and companions late yesterday discovered the bodies of Andrew P. Peterson, Hugh Acord and Burton Jensen, American cowboys, kidnapped last Monday when Mexican bandits raided the Corner Ranch, 60 miles 60 miles southwest of here. The bodies, badly mutilated, were found on the Mexican side, three miles south of monument No. 53. It was believed they were taken across the international line and killed when they attempted to break away from their captors.

According to the story told by Spillsbury and companions, each victim had been shot in the head several times. Acord's head had been mangled with a machete.

The clothing had been torn from all three and there were numerous cuts and bruises, indicating, it was believed, a desperate struggle of the Americans against heavy odds.

Search had been kept up continuously since Monday, when news of the raid and kidnapping spread. Spillsbury, who serves as scout with General Pershing's punitive expedition in Mexico, and who owns a ranch in the Palomas Lake region, was one of the first to volunteer his services. Others then joined the hunt.

Mrs. Andrew Peterson is in a critical condition following receipt of the news. She is about to become a mother and it is feared she cannot live. Peterson left seven children.

Mrs. Jensen, whose husband was killed, fainted when she heard the news. Physicians are caring for her. She has two small children.

Acord's mother is prostrated. He is unmarried. It is a question whether Prudencia Miranda or Silverio Quevedo led the raiders, as all the survivors were made prisoners. If Quevedo led, he killed the companions of his youth, as he was reared at Colonia Diaz, where three of his victims were born and attended school with Quevedo.

Armed Mormon men and women left for the Campbell ranch to attend the triple funeral. Lieutenant Colonel Waterman offered an armed escort, but it was refused. Spillsbury led the procession. Acord was the only one of the three armed.

There is no doubt now that they were captured on the American side of the border.

TWO WARSHIPS WATCHING CUBA

PETREL AND DIXIE ARE WITHIN CALL OF PROTECTION IS NEEDED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Two American warships, the Petrel and Dixie, are anchored in Cuban water in case there is need for the protection of American interests. There has been no destruction of property yet, and no foreigners have been molested.

Germany Makes Loan to Turkey

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 16.—Germany has made a new loan to Turkey of 42,500,000 Turkish pounds, according to a Reuters dispatch from Constantinople.

RAID ON HEARST RANCH IN MEXICO

KILL TWO EMPLOYEES, HOUSES LOOTED AND LIVESTOCK STOLEN

(By Associated Press.)
EL PASO, Texas, Feb. 16.—Julio Acosta, a Villa commander, raided the Nabors ranch, belonging to Mrs. Phoebe Hearst, two miles from Madera, Chihuahua, on February 8, killing two Mexican ranch hands, wounding several others, completely looting the ranch houses and driving off a number of horses, according to a message received here.

Madera is 250 miles southwest of Juarez, and is the center of the Pearson Milling Company's interests. The same message also told of the looting of the Pearson company's store there, according to local Hearst representatives.

TEUTONS CAPTURE HALF MILE FRONT

BATTLE IN PROGRESS WITH 800 PRISONERS FROM THE FRENCH SIDE

(By Associated Press.)
BERLIN, Feb. 16.—The Germans have begun an attack in the Champagne region. They captured ground half a mile deep over a frontage of a mile and a half and took 856 prisoners.

CASH BOY LIFTING ORE OF FINE GRADE

TWO VEINS IN WINZE SEEM TO BE APPROACHING A JUNCTURE

A very notable exposure of ore is to be seen in the Cash Boy mine at present. It was found nearly 1500 feet in depth in a winze from the 1450 level. The discovery was made a number of months ago, but only one carload of ore could be extracted before the water line. This ore netted better than \$20 a ton.

The deepening of the Victor shaft caused the water to decline in the Cash Boy and now extraction of ore has been resumed. There are two shoots of ore in the winze, one of which is small, but the other is from four to six feet in width. Their dip indicates that they will come together at a little greater depth, when, from the history of similar conditions in the district, they should make into a large body of ore.

The grade of ore that is being lifted at present is assurance, in the opinion of officials of the company, that no further assessments need be levied. While water prevents ore extraction the company prosecuted extensive development work with strong probabilities that pay ore will be found in other portions of the estate.

CUBAN REBELS ARE STEADILY GROWING

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—Failure to receive from Cuba reports showing marked growth in the Liberal rebellion caused administration officials to regard the situation there with less apprehension. Minister Gonzalez' reports confirm earlier unofficial dispatches telling of the dispersal of various rebel bands. They also told, however, of the occupation of Santiago by General Fernandez, commanding more than a regiment of regular troops, who joined him in revolt.

Satisfaction is displayed at the state department over information that so far the rebels have destroyed no property. It became evident today that the United States will make no move in Cuban affairs until they are more sharply defined by developments.

HAD STOLEN MAPS OF ALASKA COAST

YOUNG MURDERER FOUND IN POSSESSION OF VALUABLE U. S. CODE BOOK

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Stolen government charts of anchorages, channels and harbors along the Alaskan coast were discovered by the police among the belongings of Herbert Sauer, 21 years old, who was sentenced to eight years in Sing Sing for killing and robbing Mrs. Caroline Tiarks, 74 years old.

Sauer was traced through the records of the coast guard service, from which he deserted in April, 1916, while serving on the cutter Apache. The charts and a navy code book subsequently were missed. When Sauer was asked what he intended to do with the maps, he replied, according to the police: "I wanted to make a name for myself when I returned to the fatherland."

LABOR COMMISSION PROPOSED IN BILL

PROPOSITION ALSO MADE TO HIRE STATE AUDITOR WITH \$5000 APPROPRIATION

Special to The Bonanza.
CARSON CITY, Feb. 16.—Senator Harrington introduced in the senate today a bill amending the act creating the labor commission. It would give the commissioner a salary of \$3000 a year, a deputy at \$1800 and a stenographer at \$1200, and authority to hire such other clerical help as he deems necessary. It also gives him authority to enter any establishment employing labor and gather statistics and data for reports. The bill carries an appropriation of \$5000 annually.

R. M. Hardy introduced the state auditor bill in the assembly. The salary is \$3600 a year. The bill carries an appropriation of \$5000 annually. The auditor is required to audit all state and county books once each year and to install a system of accounting in every county office. This is an administration measure.

The assembly passed the senate bill exempting locomotive firemen, conductors and brakemen from jury duty.

The senate adjourned until Monday.

PRISONERS OF WAR HELD FOR COURTS

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 16.—General Pershing has reported to the war department that 21 Mexicans, captured by his force while in Mexico and held in connection with the Columbus raid, will be turned over to the department of justice.

BILL FIXING PAY OF JUSTICES OF PEACE

SIX TOWNSHIP JUDGES IN NYE COUNTY ALL ON SALARY BASIS PLANNED

Special to The Bonanza.
CARSON CITY, Feb. 16.—A bill introduced yesterday by McNamara provides for six justices of the peace in Nye county, placing them on a salary basis without fees. The Tonopah justice would receive \$2400 per year; Manahat, \$1500; Round Mountain, \$600; Belmont, \$600; Carrara, \$600; Duckwater, \$600. The bill was referred to the Nye county delegation.

EMPEROR OF AUSTRIA TAKES SUPREME COMMAND

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, Feb. 16.—Field Marshal Archduke Frederick has been placed second in command of the Austro-Hungarian army. The archduke was previously commander in chief, but the emperor has taken over the supreme command and now is staying at main headquarters.

BREAKS WORLD'S RECORD IN BALK LINE PLAYING

(By Associated Press.)
CLEVELAND, Feb. 15.—Willie Hoppe, world's balk line billiards champion, broke all records in a three-cushion billiard match here, when he defeated Jake Schaefer, 50-25 in 31 innings. He had two high runs of eight and one of six.

DIRECT PRIMARY LAW HAS BEEN INTRODUCED BY SPEAKER LUCE

Special to The Bonanza.
CARSON CITY, Feb. 16.—Three new bills introduced yesterday are scheduled to precipitate some of the chief contents with which the present session of the legislature will be marked. One is Fulmer's act reorganizing the state railway commission, another Boober's act repealing the law under which betting on horse races is conducted and creating the state railway commission, and the third is a direct primary law of which Speaker Luce is the author.

The primary law is practically a copy of the 1913 primary act, the only material change being to reduce the cost of filing candidates' certificates. It was referred to the committee on elections in the assembly and that committee also has under consideration the Huskey primary election law, received yesterday from the senate. Speaker Luce said yesterday that his bill had the backing of the element opposed to the provisions of the Huskey bill which places county and township officers in the non-partisan class.

The bill repealing the state racing commission and pari mutuel betting law was referred to the committee on education in the assembly.

Fulmer's act amending the law creating the railroad commission provides that after the expiration of the terms of the present members of the board it shall consist of three members, a chief commissioner and two associates. On the expiration of the term of the present chief commissioner, H. F. Martine, the first assistant commissioner, J. F. Shaughnessy, shall become the chief commissioner. The new act also removes the attorneyship requirement of the chief commissioner, a feature of the present law.

Fulmer's bill provides that the two associate commissioners shall receive salaries of \$15 per day while engaged in the actual work of the commission. The salary of the chief commissioner is fixed at \$4000 per year, a reduction of \$1000. The new bill also carries a provision that none of the members of the commission shall travel outside the state on official business without the consent of the state board of examiners.

Tannahill's bill providing that mining companies shall equip all cages used in vertical shafts with safety platforms for the protection of workmen was referred to the mines and mining committee in the assembly yesterday. Evans' motion to reconsider the vote was carried. Evans explained that through an oversight no time had been given operators to comply with the provisions of the act.

Evans of Esmeralda, introduced a bill yesterday amending the act relative to town governments. It confers on the county commissioners the right to appoint the chief of police and watchmen, not to exceed seven. Under the present act the appointments are made by the sheriff of the county in which the town is located.

Exports from New York nearly double in January.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—Exports from the port of New York for January were \$304,966,525, as compared with \$175,458,877 in January, 1916. Imports also showed a substantial increase amounting to \$128,344,239 as compared with \$99,938,117 in the preceding January.

BUTLER THEATRE

TONIGHT

HOUNDED BY THE POLICE

They drive the heroine from one place to another while she wages a terrific fight against her criminal impulses. This is GLADYS COBURN the newest film star in "THE BATTLE OF LIFE" it is her debut in motion pictures. One of the best pictures of the year.

FORD WEEKLY Current Events

Tomorrow:

Double Bill Big Show

CHARLIE CHAPLIN in two-reel special "Emily Stevens in 'Life's Shadows'"